

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 2-7 and 13-14 would be allowable if they are rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.


Claims 1, 8-12, 15-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,462,798) for the reasons stated in section 1 of the office action.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 2. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claims 12 and 13. Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 13. Claims 1 and 11 are believed allowable because of the incorporation of the elements of the allowable claims 2 and 12 and 13. Claim 18 is believed allowable because of the incorporation of the elements of claim 13 which the Examiner has indicated as not taught or suggested by the prior art (see section 4 of office action).

Claims 3-10 depend upon claim 1. Claims 14-17 depend upon claim 11 and claims 19-20 depend upon claim 18. The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given for the independent claims.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application including claims 1, 3 to 20 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,


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